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What I have to say is simple.

Microsoft has not been punished anywhere near enough yet.

For someone to think that they have means that they have been assimilated by Microsoft.

I am in my early twenties and have been using my ever changing home personal computer system since the age of 6. Using it almost every day.

I am very computer experienced and have seen a lot these past 15 years. I have 'loved' computers all my life. Most of those years more than young sexy girls. I "feel" computers and operating systems as a 6th sense now. By using a computer system for 30 secs I can feel system stability. I am a Systems Administrator already.

This can only be understood by hardcore computer geeks. Unless you are one don't bother trying.

You only need to know that inside my mind I know Microsoft is still wrong and has not been punished. They have not learned and I doubt they can.

Break em up folks. Seperate the company. Microsoft is old lame news now.

If Microsoft doesn't change drastically then Linux WILL eventually succeed. People like me will MAKE IT SO!

How can a business plan defeat a hardcore geeks 'love' for systems that work and are useful and can actually be fixed without being anally f****d. Excuse my french :)
No business controls Linux, and never will. Even prying Linux from my cold dead fingers would be a challenge.

This WAS all I was going to write and then Windows XP f****d me. What a happy little coincidence I will include in this email.

I am so used to Windows failing that every text document I deal with I have to make a backup. Take this email for example. I backed it up after I wrote it...just in case...might seem crazy BUT while I was fixing a typo, I was also holding down the shift key...8 seconds later WinXP hits me with an accessibility window. FilterKeys has been enabled now, OH great. I don't even know what this is. I can click OK, Cancel or the Settings button. How dare I actually try to change windows by pressing the "Settings" button, but I did. Now FilterKeys is enabled and my keyboard has completely stopped working. Even though FilterKeys doesn't have a check mark next to it in control panel -> accessibility, it is still enabled. I had to reboot to be able to type again. I lost all keyboard controls and my left mouse button was held down in all text fields. Just cause I held down the shift key and paused for an S.

Naturally, this is called a bug, and every piece of software has bugs. BUT...if you go into Add/Remove Programs you won't find "FilterKeys". Heck I don't even have Accessibility options to remove. If the FilterKeys were still enabled and couldn't be disabled cause of a bug then there's no way I could use my windows system anymore. All because it would take Microsoft weeks to release a windowsupdate with a fix, and only weeks if enough people had the problem. Even if a fix was released I would have to spend money or have my privacy invaded to be able to download that 130k fix. Who could ever use Microsoft products without Internet Access? or msn? or IE? or OE? even if the icon is gone, who says it's not still write there!

I don't speak of bugs. I speak of what I see as a general contempt from Microsoft to computer users. An infestation perhaps within Microsoft. Splitting the company and seeing where the infestation remains could find the problem. Microsoft doesn't provide a simple means of uninstalling pieces of their operating system. The whole system is tied together, with loose cut ends hanging around like a messy ball of dirty string. I am not blind, I do not need any accessibility, yet with Windows XP I have no choice and I will have to spend 30+ mins researching on the web how to uninstall accessibility. Windows rarely gets better, typically gets worse.

Let's say FilterKeys messed up with RedHat Linux.

Well..one click for a terminal window...one command to fix the problem...rpm -e FilterKeys-0.0.1beta [enter] and filterkeys would exist no more. (RPM has a GUI interface too) Maybe but not usually I might actually have to open my webbrowser and visit gnome or kde if filterkeys was part of gnome or kde. Someone would fix the code in mins or hours and perhaps days anyways.

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